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Re: Support for Microsoft Settlement

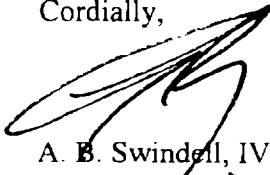
Dear Ms. Hesse:

This letter is to express my support for the settlement that the U. S. Department of Justice and several states, including North Carolina, have reached with Microsoft.

Resolution of this matter will boost the technology sector, which represents a large segment of the North Carolina economy and, for that reason, it will be well to have this matter resolved. I feel this settlement will promote new investment opportunities in technology, as well as enhance competition in all aspects of the industry and this will greatly benefit consumers.

It is my opinion that this settlement represents a reasonable compromise that has earned bipartisan support. I strongly urge approval of this settlement by both the Department of Justice and the court.

Cordially,



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